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In re application of: David W. Sherrer

Serial No.: 10/054,575 Group No.: 2839
 Filed: November 13, 2001 Examiner: Javaid H. Nasri
 For: OPTICAL CONNECTOR SYSTEM

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is: a Supplemental Amendment for this application (8 pages).

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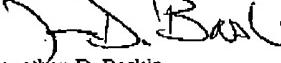
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EXTENSION OF TERM

NOTE: "Extension of Time in Patent Cases (Supplement Amendments) — If a timely and complete response has been filed after a Non-Final Office Action, an extension of time is not required to permit filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period.

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NOTE: See 37 C.F.R. 1.645 for extensions of time in interference proceedings, and 37 C.F.R. 1.550(c) for extensions of time in reexamination proceedings.

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
(fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) for the total number of months checked below:

Extension (months)	Fee for other than <u>small entity</u>	Fee for <u>small entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$110.00	\$55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$420.00	\$210.00
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<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,480.00	\$1,005.00

Fee: \$ _____

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

- An extension for _____ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor of
\$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now
requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ _____

OR

- (b) Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional
petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently
overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col.1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3) SMALL ENTITY	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY					
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Total	23	Minus	23	= 0	x \$9 =	\$	x \$18 =	\$0
Indep.	5	Minus	5	= 0	x \$43 =	\$	x \$86 =	\$0
[] First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim					+ \$145 =	\$	+ \$290 =	\$0
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- * If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3,
- ** If the "Highest No. Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, enter "20".
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(complete (c) or (d), as applicable)

(c) No additional fee for claims is required.

OR

(d) Total additional fee for claims required \$ _____.

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- A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

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6. If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. 04-1105

AND/OR

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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Further to the Amendment filed November 28, 2003 and the Examiner Interview of December 17, 2003, applicant submits the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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